

Title:	Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbooks, 1941-1948, 1953-1963, 1965-1974		
Creator:	Niagara Falls Bridge Commission		
Dates of Material:	1941-1948, 1953-1963, 1965-1974	Record Group Number:	RG 424
Summary of Contents:	<p>2 b&w photographs 3 coloured postcards 8 bound scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings which have been glued to the pages. Titles listed here are from the front of the books. These scrapbooks include:</p> <p>O1.1 <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #2 05/41-08/41.</i> This scrapbook is about the completion of the Rainbow Bridge and it includes the death of a workman killed in a fall from the bridge. 1941</p> <p>O2.1 <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #3 1941, 1942, 1943.</i> The highlights of this book include: The opening of the Union Bus Terminal at Rainbow Bridge, the opening of the Rainbow Bridge on November 1, 1941 and flames which damaged the new Rainbow Bridge. Items in this book are not placed in chronological order, 1941-1943</p> <p>O1.2 <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #4 09/43- 07/46.</i> This book includes: articles about Customs pay controversy closing the Rainbow Bridge, a U.S. flyer doing a stunt flight under the Rainbow Bridge, controversy over Sunday closings at bridges and tunnels on Canadian and Mexican borders and a focus on Niagara as a mecca for war brides and grooms. There are loose items in the back of the book which include a New York Times summer vacation supplement and advertisements featuring the Rainbow Bridge, 1 b&w photograph, 1943-1946</p> <p>O1.3 <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #5 1948.</i> There is an inscription on the front inside cover which says "This book is presented to Whirlpool Rapids Bridge Centennial Celebration, August 2, 1948 by Gaylor M. Uptegraff". Highlights include: the Centenary of the Whirlpool Rapids Bridge (1st bridge to link Canada and the U.S.) and information on the "Century of Friendship" stamp, 1947-1948</p> <p>BK <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #6 1953-1960.</i> Highlights include: Coronation day celebrations, largest ice bridge to date, Niagara hard hit by storm which washed away guard rails, work underway on Falls remedial control dam, new platform at Terrapin Point, crack in Falls which made rockslide possible, fire swept Maid of the Mist boats, new entrance was opened at Canadian end of Whirlpool Bridge, Niagara Falls Museum moved back to Canada and</p>		

	<p>Rodger Woodward's plunge over the Falls, 1953-1961</p> <p>O2.2 <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #7 LQ 1960-1963.</i> This book begins with a letter from Herbert F. Foster. Highlights Include: construction beginning on new Lewiston-Queenston Bridge, wildcat strike halted the bridge project and the opening of the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge which was dedicated by Robarts and Rockefeller, June, 1963, 1b&w photograph, 1960-1963</p> <p>BK <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #8 1965-1969.</i> Articles include: the new Canadian flag, approval given to transit commission to carry out sightseeing operations in the city, Prime Minister Shastri visited the Falls, the formal opening of the Skylon Tower (includes v.1 of the <i>Niagara Skylon News</i>), Old Customs House near Whirlpool Rapids Bridge closed, gale force winds hit Fort Erie River area, arrests show drug use rise at bridges and the American Falls are turned off. Loose items included in this scrapbook include 3 coloured postcards featuring the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge, 1965-1969</p> <p>BK <i>Niagara Falls Bridge Commission Scrapbook #9 1969-1973.</i> This book includes: the continuation of the dry American Falls which was turned off on June 12th, 1969 and restarted on November 25th, 1969; Rapids rides began but they were held up for a safety review; 75th Anniversary of the Whirlpool Bridge, 1969-1974</p>
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>All scrapbooks contain yellowed and brittle clippings which are glued to the pages. The glue is visible through all the clippings. Many of the articles have come loose from the pages (particularly in scrapbook no.3). Most of the books themselves are in fairly good condition.</p> <p>In scrapbook no.2 pages have been cut from the back of the book and the binding is loose.</p> <p>Scrapbooks 2, 4,6,8 and 9 are 46x31 cm</p> <p>Scrapbooks 3& 7 are 60x45 cm.</p> <p>Scrapbook 5 is 38x45 cm.</p> <p>Volumes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 are packed in boxes.</p> <p>Volumes 6, 8 and 9 are not in containers.</p>

Administrative Sketch:	<p>The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission was created by a joint resolution of the 1938 U.S. Congressional Third Session. The Extra Provincial Corporations Act of Ontario, Canada licenses the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission. Canada and the United States are equally represented on the Commission by an 8 member Board of Commissioners. Canadian commissioners are appointed by the Premier of Ontario.</p> <p>The three Niagara bridges are the Whirlpool Bridge, the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge and the Rainbow Bridge.</p> <p>Source:http://niagarafallsbridges.com/index.php3</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
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Related material:	<i>Bridges Over the Niagara Gorge: Rainbow Bridge, 50 years, 1941-1951: a history</i> by George A. Seibel – Special Collections stacks FC 3160.52 N53 1991		
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